

Fatter barramundi quicker

There is good news for lovers of barramundi with researchers aiming to speed up the time it takes for the fish to fatten and end up on your plate.

James Cook University researchers can now identify fish with a fast growth gene combination when larvae are just 18 days old.

It is believed breeding fish with

fast-growth traits could help reduce the harvesting age 25 per cent.

By breeding fish that grow fatter faster, farmers will be able to save on feed, water and electricity.

The barramundi industry produces 5000 tonnes a year and makes \$45 million at the farm gate, according to the Australian Barramundi Farmers Association.